Questioning Of Sinatra Not Planned

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The Senate intelligence committee has "no present plans" to call singer Frank Sinatra to testify about possible links between President Kennedy and the Mafia, a spokesman said Thursday.

"I'm not ruling it out at some future time, if it's decided it will be helpful," the spokesman said. But reports quoting a committee source as saying there were tentative plans to call Sinatra had "gone too far," he said.

Sinatra has been widely named as the person who introduced Kennedy in 1960 to Judith Campbell Exner, who also was friendly with underworld figures San Giancana and John Rosselli.

The intelligence committee uncovered the relationship between Exner, then Campbell, and the late President during its investigation of CIA assassination plots against Fidel Castro.

Giancana and Rosselli were enlisted by the CIA in an effort to kill Castro, and the committee sought to determine whether Kennedy could have learned about the plot through his frequent telephone conversations with Campbell.

The committee concluded that she did not tell Kennedy about the plot to kill Castro, and she has publicly stated she never acted as a conduit between Kennedy and the Mafia.